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THE THEATER.

While some prejudice doubtless survives in Honolulu against the theater, it is plain that many people of the best instincts are beginning to seek a good play just as they seek a good book and for the same reasons. As a rule the play is a book explained and delineated, and it follows that if the book is good the play is likely to be so; and that the one becomes a useful interpreter of the other. To be sure, there are some bad plays, but this does not prove that a man ought to stop going to the theater any more than the existence of bad books is an argument against his reading. It is his business to exercise a discriminating choice in both respects, and if he does so he will be the better for his resulting experiences.

As for the subject of the novel suggestion has come to us that if one must know plays let him read them rather than see them amid the "pernicious surroundings" of a play house. To this we must say that if such surroundings existed there might be merit in the plea; but the usual high-class theatre, in its accommodations, decorations and other adjuncts, is as respectable as a drawing-room and as decorous, for example, as Talmage's church. In Roundhead times, when the Puritan prejudice against the play house had its birth, perhaps the environments were different; but the theatre has shared the general progress of the world and the "pernicious surroundings" are in reminiscence only. As for "reading plays," it is fair to ask why not read a law book rather than seek an interpretation of it from the bar and bench? Why employ a minister to explain the Gospel when it is down in black and white? Why ever held the mirror up to nature? The actor, like the judge and preacher, makes plain what the layman might not perceive or understand. It is an education to know Shakespeare, but it is safe to say that no one knows "the myriad-minded bard" until he has seen his masterpieces performed by a Booth, an Irving or a Mansfield and noted the shades of meaning, hitherto unobserved which it is the actor's business to bring out. One might read Hamlet with the annotations of all the masters without plucking the heart of its mystery to which the actor of great genius directs the most bungling hand.

It is undeniably a hardship that Honolulu does not have an annual dramatic season and support it in a generous way, not necessarily as in the West India Islands by public subsidies, but by liberal attendance upon such plays as teach a great lesson or afford pleasant diversion—the plays of Shakespeare, Bulwer-Lytton, Sheridan, Boucicault and Bronson Howard and the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan and others of their school preferred. Frequently the greatest actors, in touring the world, pass this port and hospitality to their genius would pay in intellectual coin. In many ways Honolulu could avail itself of much that is best in the histrionic world. It deserves something better than barnstorming and in time will get the best if it shall meet the best half way.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Transvaal republic seems to be doomed by the British acquisition of Matabeleland, which put a cordon of Queen's territory about the Boer possessions except to the eastward where they are cut off from the sea by a strip of Portuguese soil. For years the British have sought to overcome the Boers, twice driving them northward where they founded States which the British promptly annexed. Later when the refugees made another stand and formed the Transvaal republic the same invaders came again, but were driven out, the Boers having reached the last ditch where they had determined to fight. After the close of the war it was the belief of this people that

this would be left to them; but they counted without Cecil Rhodes. That bold ruler and statesman has now judged them in on every side and he has said, in a recent speech, that the Transvaal must come in under the crown of St. George. To accomplish this result he is flooding the Boer country with British laborers and is enticing the younger Boers to the northern gold reefs—a plan of peaceful conquest against which old Joubert makes proclamation in vain and which must eventually prevail.

While it is a matter of regret that any republican form of government should give way even to the most limited of monarchies, the general plan of Cecil Rhodes is full of promise to South Africa and to many other parts of the world. The Boer is a big game who stands in the way of progress, and the colonial Boer is and always has been a pioneer and teacher of civilization. Among his great works are the United States of America and the Australian federation. It is well to hope as it is safe to believe that in process of time he will give all Africa, south of the Zambesi and perhaps of the Lokinga mountains, the benefit of law, order and commercial expansion, and create in the end an independent State which will rank in power and wealth with the mother country itself. Everything of soil, climate and natural resources, and of the Anglo-Saxon character, favors this final consummation.

We may say that this would benefit other parts of the world. The need of new fields for labor is becoming great. The United States is now congested with immigrants, and Australia's problem of subsistence is waiting the solvent word. The poor of the old world are increasing, and they must seek pastures new. Asia is no asylum and South America is not hospitable to the old world peasant. To South and East Africa alone runs the road of opportunity, and all that helps to open those regions serves a distinct and momentous economic purpose—offering homes to the homeless, work to the idle, money to the poor, an arena for the ambitious and a hope to the oppressed. Cecil Rhodes and South Africa—these are names of surpassing moment to millions of the living and greater millions of the unborn.

THE salute of British marines to President Dole yesterday was a graceful act and may be accepted along with Lord Rosebery's recent Mowbray letter as one of the minor signs of the coming era of British and European recognition of the new Hawaiian Government.

THE surplus water now falling and running to the sea would be worth the difference between comfort and discomfort to this city four months hence, if impounded among the hills in a storage reservoir.

WE may presume to hope that the next time any one asks the STAR to make a given correction on his or her behalf he or she will stick to the text of the correction afterwards.

THE tail of the dead insurgent snake in Brazil continues to twitch after the fashion of snakes that have seen their last days.

IF the United States takes the Pearl Harbor inch it will eventually accept the Hawaiian ell.

IT is gratifying to note that the registry board is now playing to a large house.

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For the promotion of the best interests of all the people of the Hawaiian Islands and for the organization of a party having only this object in view, the following is adopted as a declaration of the principles upon which the organization to be known as the "American Union Party" is to be established, and upon this platform we invite the cooperation of every friend of good government.

1st. **GOVERNMENT.**—We favor the development of a liberal and efficient government in the Hawaiian Islands, and declare our opposition to the Provisional Government, endorsing the proposal for a constitutional convention looking to the establishment of a popular representation in the Government.

2d. **POLITICAL UNION.**—We declare our leading principles to be the accomplishment of a political union with the United States of America, and the maintenance of a stable and honest government.

3d. **PUBLIC LANDS.**—We favor such legislation as will promote the occupancy of all public lands, including those heretofore known as "crown lands," by small holders, and foster the development of a liberal and efficient government in the Hawaiian Islands, and declare our opposition to the Provisional Government, endorsing the proposal for a constitutional convention looking to the establishment of a popular representation in the Government.

4th. **CITIZEN'S RIGHTS.**—We declare that all citizens are equal before the law, and we are opposed to monopolies or privileged classes, favoring participation in the government by every loyal citizen and declare our opposition to the Provisional Government, endorsing the proposal for a constitutional convention looking to the establishment of a popular representation in the Government.

5th. **IMMIGRATION.**—The evils of Asiatic immigration are so apparent that we declare in favor of its prohibition by positive and practical measures, declaring in favor of such American, Portuguese or other European immigration as shall supply the necessary labor and furnish the country with permanent settlers.

6th. **PUBLIC WORKS.**—We favor the immediate establishment of a comprehensive system of public improvements that shall be of permanent value to the country and afford needed employment to the laboring classes, but we declare against importation of labor and material of any kind whatsoever for use in public works which can be obtained in the home market, and materials which may be obtained from abroad should be obtained through local dealers in open competition.

7th. **PUBLIC OFFICES.**—We hold that no person should occupy any position of trust or profit under the Government who is not loyal to the same.

8th. **PRISON LABOR.**—We oppose the employment of prison labor in any mechanical pursuit.

9th. **TAX SYSTEM.**—We favor a revision of the tax system whereby all property, improved and unimproved, shall be taxed on an equal basis.

10th. **LABOR.**—We declare that in the Constitution and in legislation thereafter the rights of the wage-earner should be fully considered.

11th. **EDUCATION.**—We favor the enlargement of the scope of the free-school system to the end that a university course may be available to the youth of the country.

12th. **TELEGRAPHIC LINES.**—We favor the establishment of an inter-island as well as a foreign cable system.

The organization committee are:

First District—J. A. MAGOON, J. H. FISHER, C. H. LUTHER, Second—CHAS. L. CARTER, Mr. J. A. CANNON, J. S. MARTIN, Third—JULIAN ASKE, Dr. EMERSON, Jas. Nott, Jr., Fourth—J. WALTER JONES, Dr. COOPER, W. P. O'BRIEN, Fifth—J. A. LOW, J. LECHER, J. L. CARTER, At Large—Messrs. A. W. KEOH, C. T. RODGERS, G. W. SMITH, J. W. PRATT, A. V. PETERS, L. C. ABLES.

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Registration will close on Saturday, April 21st.

CHAS. T. RODGERS, M. D.,
Approved: J. A. KING,
Minister of the Interior.

Interior Office,
March 24, 1894.

All sidewalks, etc., must be cleaned, kept clean and be free from rubbish, etc., otherwise it will be done by the Road Department at the expense of the owners of the property.

By order of the Minister of the Interior,
W. H. CLEMMINGS,
Road Supervisor, Honolulu,
310-24.

SALE OF TENANCY AT WILL OF A STRIP OF GOVERNMENT LAND, BELOW MAKIHI RESERVOIR, HONOLULU, OAHU.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1894, at 12 o'clock noon, at the front entrance of the Executive Building, will be sold at Public Auction the Tenancy at will of a strip of Government Land below the Makiki Reservoir, Honolulu, Oahu, containing an area of 1 1/2 acres, a little more or less.

Term: Tenancy from year to year until such time as the Minister of the Interior may wish to terminate the same by giving 90 days notice.

Upset price: \$25.00 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance.

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EXTRA REGISTRATION NOTICE.

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REGIMENTAL ORDER NO. 9.

Headquarters of the National Guard of Hawaii, April 18th, 1894.

Regimental Order No. 8, ordering a Regimental Drill and Parade to take place at Union Square this (Wednesday) evening, April 18th, 1894, are hereby cancelled.

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